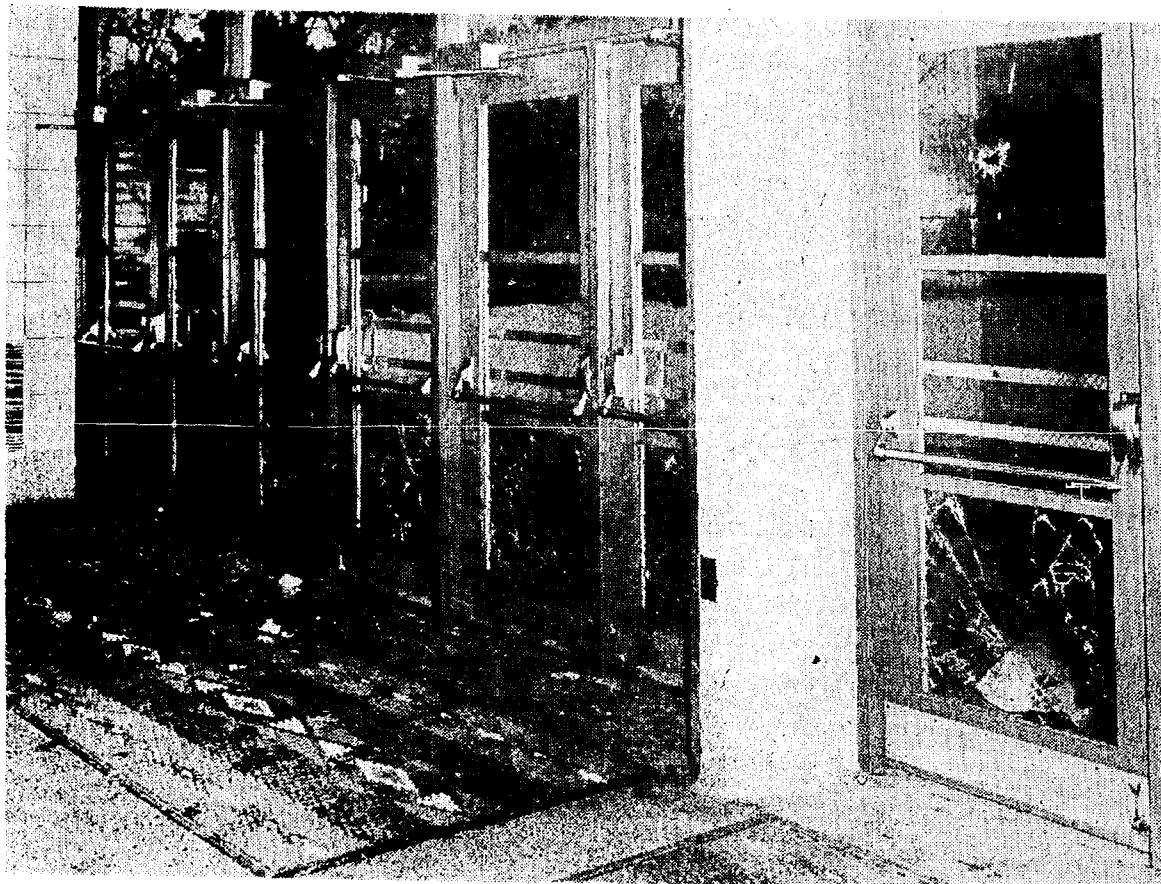


Violent Vandals Shut Down Benton Harbor High School!



DOORS SMASHED: Vandals shattered door glass at entrance to Benton Harbor high school by gym-

nasium. Sports trophies from nearby display cases were believed used to break glass.

Student Mob Injures Seven

Sports Trophy Cases, Windows Smashed

A group of about 75 black students went on a rampage this morning at Benton Harbor high school causing extensive glass breakage and closing down school for the day.

Four students and three Scope Security guards sustained apparently minor injuries and were treated at Mercy hospital.

School Supt. Mark E. Lewis said disorder began on the second floor about 7:10 a.m. The rioters then went to the first floor where they were herded outside by security guards, school officials and police.

Three cars were overturned and other autos damaged in the parking lot.

BLACK ARMBANDS

No specific incident appeared to trigger the outbreak, Lewis said. However, this is the anniversary of Martin Luther King's birth and some students wore black armbands.

Two trophy cases at the gymnasium entrance were shattered and their contents apparently destroyed. Among the trophies were three for state basketball championships and a state track championship won last spring.

Trophies apparently were used to break other glass. Bits of the sports mementoes were scattered about inside and outside the building. Glass in five other display cases were shattered along with panes in about 50 doors and windows.

No estimate of the dollar loss was immediately available. The trophies are irreplaceable, according to athletic director Joe Rogers.

Tonight's home basketball game with Kalamazoo Hackett was postponed with no new date immediately set.

Police from five departments responded to the call. Eleven persons, all believed to be Benton Harbor high school students, were arrested on charges of being disorderly persons with the possibility of other charges being added, according to Capt. Keith Mills of the Benton Harbor police department.

WHERE IT STARTED

Edward Merrill, chief of Scope security, said the disorder began on the second floor as hall monitors observed a white girl surrounded by a large group of blacks. She was struck by a black girl and security personnel went to the assistance of the white girl, Merrill said.

Merrill said he was knocked down in the melee. Merrill's son Rease, 24, an ex-military policeman, was struck by a chair and bloodied. It was his first day on the job.

"We were stampeded," said the senior Merrill.

Other Scope guards injured were James Russell, of Bridgman, and Joseph King of Eau Claire, a broken nose.

Miss Mildred Deifonn, school nurse, reported four students were sent to Mercy hospital for treatment of injuries, including lacerations.

Among the cars overturned was the private auto of Benton Harbor Det. Sam Watson. Another is owned by Charles Hagenberg, a high school counselor.

It was the second time within a month the high school has been closed because of a disturbance. Today's ruckus was far more violent than the

demonstrations that preceded Christmas vacation. Since then various segments of the district have started campaigns to secede.

Lewis said plans will be announced later for reopening of the school.

FIRM ACTION

He vowed firm action within the school disciplinary code for all students identified as participating in the outbreak.

"All who can be identified as committing any acts of assault or vandalism will be recommended for expulsion or dropped from school under the new policy which applies to those beyond the compulsory attendance age," Lewis said.

"Students who can be identified as participating will be put on suspension, pending an investigation of the extent of their participation."

"The school district attorney, Robert Small, has made his service available to school district employees who were struck by students and who wish to prefer charges."



FIRST DAY ON JOB: Rease Merrill, with blood on shirt was injured in outbreak of violence this morning at Benton Harbor high school. It was first day on job as Scope security agent for Merrill, a former military policeman. The Scope agency is hired by the school for protection in hallways.



CARS VANDALIZED: Autos in parking lot were targets of vandals after they left Benton Harbor high school this morning as violence erupted. Three autos were reported overturned.

TORMENTED BY YOUTHS

Invalid Held Hostage In 'Night Of Terror'

An 83-year-old wheelchair invalid was held hostage in her own home Wednesday night by two youths who tried to coerce her into signing several checks for them, Benton township police Lt. Jack Drach reported.

The victim, Mrs. Helen Caldwell of Felton street, apparently suffered no serious injury, although the two youths sprayed Lysol in her face to force her to sign the checks, Drach said. Mrs. Caldwell is a retired long-time Benton Harbor municipal court reporter.

The night of terror started about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday when three youths forced their

way into her home and took the \$12 she had in a change purse. The trio departed, but two of them returned a short time later.

Drach said the youths ripped the telephone wires loose so she was unable to telephone police. She remained helpless until the two youths left near dawn yesterday and she was found by a man who checks her home periodically.

Drach said the three forced their way into her home when she opened the door Wednesday night. They found her change purse and ransacked the house

for other valuables. Mrs. Caldwell told police the three youths were black, about 16 to 19 years old, and all were "tall and slender."

After the trio left, two of them returned a short time later and told her they wanted to return her money. Mrs. Caldwell refused to open the door, but they forced their way in a second time.

Drach said they threatened her in an attempt to get her to sign checks, but she refused. During the night, the two got into her freezer and removed several frozen dinners which they cooked and ate.

Tax Boost Would Cut Pollution

Sen. Byker Says Millions Are Needed

LANSING (AP) — A proposal to hike the state sales tax 5 per cent and pour millions of dollars in returns into a special pollution-fighting fund was offered in the Michigan Senate Thursday.

Sen. Gary Byker, the Hudsonville Republican who serves as vice chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, proposed a constitutional amendment to increase the current 4 per cent sales tax ceiling by 1 per cent.

"The clean water bond revenue is already committed," Byker said, citing some \$335 million in bonds approved by voters two years ago. "And, despite that, we've barely scratched the surface of the problem."

"Consequently the funding of any new projects has to come out of the general revenue — which there isn't any to spare," he said. "The alternative is to establish a fund of this type."

State revenue officials said income from the combined sales and use tax collections now totals an estimated \$200 million in sales and use taxes under the 4 per cent ceiling during the last fiscal year, they said.

TWO-THIRDS VOTE

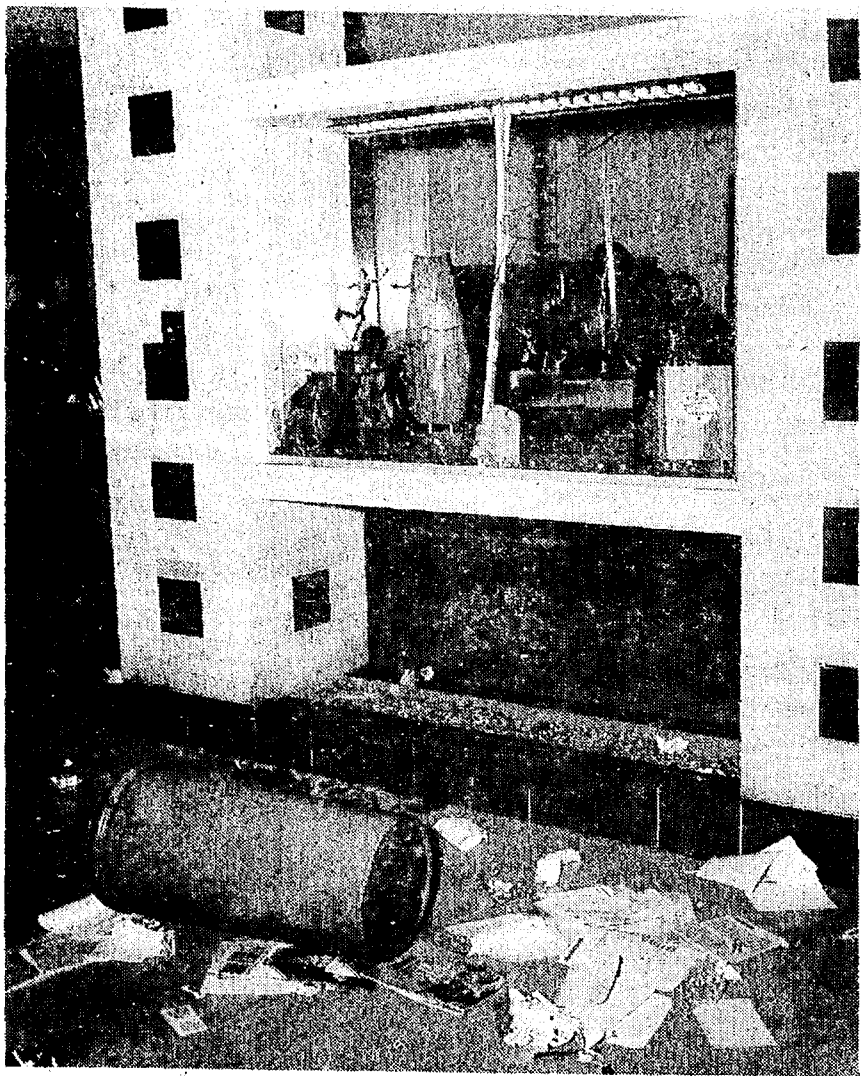
Byker's proposal, which requires a two-thirds vote of both house and Senate and approval by the voters at the next general election to take effect, includes provisions for returning the money to local units of government.

The money would go into a pollution abatement and waste disposal facilities fund for distribution to the local units.

Michigan buyers paid a 3 per cent sales tax before the adoption of the 1963 constitution, which fixed a sales tax maximum at 4 per cent.

The next general election in Michigan is slated for 1972, but there has been some question about the possibility of a general election this year under provisions of an odd-year election bill signed recently by Gov. William Milliken.

Correction: Producers Cottage cheese 2 lb. ctns. 69c. Open Pantry, Napier ave. B.H.



TARGET OF VANDALISM: Benton Harbor high's coveted sport trophies and display cases were under attack by vandals this morning during rampage of about 20 minutes. Although glass was broken in this case, its trophies generally remained intact. Trophies in two other cases were destroyed. (Staff photos)

Nun Bravely Prevents Break-In At BH Store

A nun at St. John's convent, 630 Columbus avenue, Benton Harbor, prevented a break-in of a neighborhood grocery last night by boldly leaving the convent to shine a car's headlights on the building.

Sister Laura told police she noticed three youths trying to enter the Columbus Service store at 617 Columbus avenue by removing a two by four foot section of board covering a broken window.

The sister left the convent and went to a car parked outside. She turned on the lights, causing the store front to be illuminated. The three fled on foot and were not found by police.

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A Brief, Sensible
Message From
The Governor

Mindful no doubt that today is the deadline for the fourth installment on estimated federal and Michigan income taxes for last year, Governor Milliken used fewer words Thursday than 12 months ago in the annual State of the State message to the legislature.

If brevity be the soul of wit, Milliken sought to apply the same delivery to the House and Senate on their formal convocation for the new term.

The heart of his message read, "We may not be able, as a state government, to move as far or as fast as most of us would like. People are tired of paying new taxes to solve old problems."

This is a warning to department heads to sharpen their pencils for budget making purposes, and a smoke signal to the Democrats who control the House and divide equally with the Republicans in the Senate not to be larding appropriation bills.

The Governor proposes retaining the myriad of state taxes at their 1970 levels and reshuffling departmental spending to cover a pending \$108 million deficit.

Some programs such as the anti-drug campaign would be given more money. Others which the Governor hid beneath a blank description of low priority items would be cut.

The averaging process, as he sees it, would pull the Lansing machine back on to the constitutional track of pay as you go.

The entire tone of Milliken's thoughts key upon the derailment of the state's economy by the 63-day strike last fall against General Motors.

The loss in buying power flow-

ing from a long strike of far reaching magnitude cut deeply into sales tax collections and when the final reports are filed later this year, the state income tax return will show a similar effect.

Thus, when Milliken said people are tired of paying new taxes to solve problems he interprets the public mood as one of cleaning out the chicken coop at hand before moving on to the next one.

This is a refreshing and also very much of a minority viewpoint among state and federal administrations of recent years.

Cheered by a rising economy and discounting its almost completely inflationary aspect, Presidents and Governors have uncovered the need for a great leap forward every other November. The public for the most part has swallowed the assumption.

The single dissent to the acceleration has been the Indonesian venture or misadventure, depending on whether the reader is a dove or hawk. Even in that area, the thinking has run to applying a swollen military budget to so called re-ordered priorities.

There are problems, to be certain, which are not being met. There are also problems of overly magnified proportion which never should have been budgeted in the first instance.

We like Milliken's idea of shaking them all in a bag and thereby sorting out the major ones which actually require attention at this time.

Later on when, hopefully speaking, the bedraggled taxpayer recovers his second wind, is the time to feed the small fry.

Dedicating A State
Department Blunder

Nikolai Podgorny, the figure-head Soviet president, today led a high ranking Russian delegation in the formal ceremonies dedicating the Aswan High Dam.

The Russians and their Egyptian customers chose today for that purpose as it would have been the 53d birthday of the late Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser.

It is also close to being the 15th anniversary of an American decision not to finance the project.

The dam itself, one of the major civil engineering feats in the world from the pyramids to the present, has been performing its intended function for nearly five years.

The Nile's periodic flooding is under control. An estimated 1.3 million acres of previously parched soil has been brought under cultivation. The energy output from its hydro-electric system is opening the way to raise Egypt's industrial output.

There is also an ecological disturbance from Aswan. The dam's interference with the Nile's natural flowage rate is eroding the riverbanks in some sections and allowing the salty Mediterranean to encroach upon the silt deposits at the river's mouth.

In short, progress is coming to Egypt.

Egyptian leaders for many years had discussed damming the Nile as an irrigation-energy fountainhead to lift their country from poverty to stability.

After becoming Egypt's undisputed chieftain in 1954, Nas-

ser adopted the Aswan project as a major goal.

He approached John Foster Dulles, then Secretary of State, for the U.S. to supply the technical skills and the loans to finance its cost.

Dulles was then intent upon forging the Baghdad Pact as a blockade to Russian pressure to enter the Middle East. He had Iran particularly in mind.

His formula called for joining Turkey, the Arab states, Egypt and others in the agreement.

This paper frontier eventually came about, but minus Egypt and most of the Arab states whose leaders still recalled the corrupt Turkish rule which World War I broke up.

Nasser refused to horse trade American aid for partnership with Turkey and though personally pro-Western in his views began a flirtation with the Kremlin.

Dulles denounced this attempt to play off one major antagonist against another as outright treachery and on July 19, 1956 announced Washington was withdrawing its offer. The British government and the World Bank, which had been involved in the negotiations, followed suit.

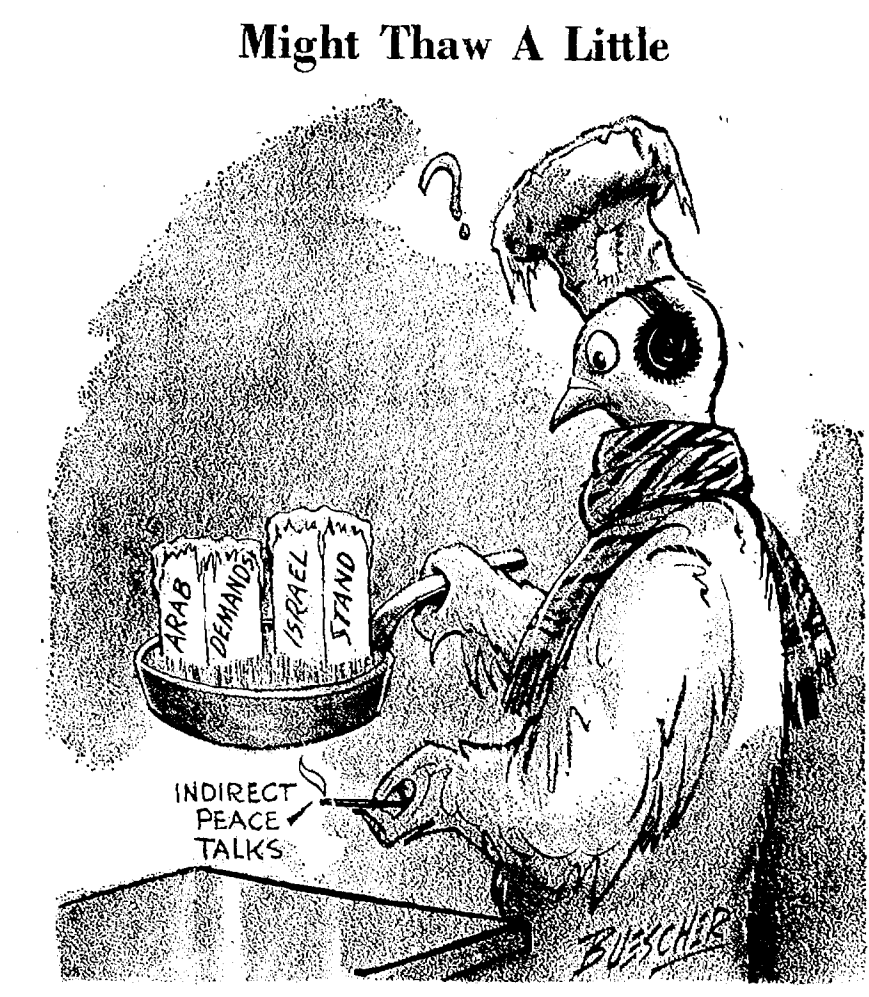
Dulles' plainspoken words closed the door to a diplomatic pussyfooting return to the conference table, and the Russians accepted Nasser's invitation to fill the void.

Depending on how the Arab-Israeli negotiations proceed, Aswan need not be a complete barrier to restoring some measure of U.S. influence in the Middle East, or at the least, neutralizing the Soviet presence.

Even so, Aswan symbolizes Washington's predilection to misread the cards too frequently.

The Emperor, Tiberius, ruled Rome from Capri during the last decade of his life (A.D. 27-37). His orders were signaled by semaphore to a lookout station on the Sorrento peninsula, and thence from peak to peak to the capital almost 125 miles away, the National Geographic says.

Salamanders are distinguished from other amphibians by the possession of a tail throughout their lives. Frogs and toads only have a tail during the tadpole stage.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

DELAYED TILL 1973
—1 Year Ago—
The State Highway Commission has recommended the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads approve the proposed location and design for two bridges to carry Interstate 94 Business Loop over Morrison Channel and the St. Joseph River in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

The recommended proposal and alternatives were discussed last Sept. 25 at a public hearing in Benton Harbor.

PORT FUNDS FOR ST. JOE
—10 Years Ago—
President Eisenhower's final budget message today asked Congress to spend more than \$30 million on Michigan waterways projects, including \$340,000 on the St. Joseph harbor, during fiscal 1962.

For the year beginning July 1, he asked for \$300,000 for construction and another \$40,000 for operation and maintenance of the local harbor.

PROJECTS FOR BERRIEN AREA
—20 Years Ago—
Farm Security administration camps in Berrien county during the coming year loomed as a certainty today, according to an Associated Press report from Detroit which quoted F.S.A. officials.

The report referred to a survey made during recent months that pointed out the unsatisfactory living conditions of fruit pickers and migrant laborers on many Berrien farms. The camps, one a mobile unit that could be located where most needed, would provide quarters for upwards of 600 families, or approximately 2,500 persons. Each camp would cost approximately \$150,000 and plans call for individual family housing units with group service facilities.

A WINNER
—40 Years Ago—
Otto Grommel, window trimmer at Rimes and Hildebrand, is one of the winners in a window display contest recently conducted by a yarn manufacturer.

SELLS LOT
—50 Years Ago—
Dr. W. L. Wilson has sold his lot at 1616 Niles avenue to Miss Gertrude Hollywood of Hollywood, who will erect a home there in the spring.

WORK COMPLETED
—60 Years Ago—
All the steel work is completed on the new viaduct across the Morrison channel. The machinery which was used in the construction is being shipped away.

TROUPE ENTERTAINED
—80 Years Ago—
Landlord Tom Walker of the Lake View hotel entertained John L. Sullivan and part of his theatrical troupe at dinner today. Two carriages were down at the depot waiting for the great Boston slugger and his lively troupe.

Factographs
An orthodontist is a dental specialist usually concerned with tooth straightening.

Rome and Carthage fought each other during the Punic Wars.

Samuel Gompers was the first president of the American Federation of Labor.

Lao-Tse was the founder of a religion known as Taoism.

The planet Uranus was discovered in the 16th century.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

HERDONS GIVE THANKS

Most of us go through life not giving much thought to anything more than just our daily existence. Only on rare occasions do we allow anything more to penetrate this daily routine.

Recently our family has such an opportunity to witness the thoughtfulness of many people in the community and we would like to thank everyone who participated.

Our only son and brother, Thomas H. Herdon, gave his life in Viet Nam last year and our hearts are still very heavy with grief. Last week, through the contributions of many persons, a trophy case was dedicated in his memory at the St. Joseph high school and additional money was given to the First Baptist church.

To all of you who made this possible we want you to know how much easier it is for us to bear our loss knowing that in his short life we were not the only ones who loved him, but that he also made a lasting impression on so many others.

Mr. & Mrs. Hayden Herndon,
Linda Hopkins,
Corinda Snively,
St. Joseph

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

WELCOMES TEEN-AGE VOTING

Legislation permitting teenagers, 18 years or older, to vote in all elections, federal, state or local, should present no problem in America. As a matter of fact it would purify the bloodstream of our nation which is now struggling under a deluge of priority problems crowding out all sense of reason by the countless millions of voters who apathy and indifference to present day standards are being challenged by our young men and women who recognize our don't care attitude concerning national politics and policies.

We hear on all sides the utterance, "if our youngsters are old enough to fight on foreign soil for other nations, they are old enough to have a lawful right to determine by vote the government of the United States and who is to share in that government."

The young people of America are not unhappy with our democratic system of government. Their concern revolves around the lack of interest of parents who would rather sit back and complain than get out and vote. Every election, if checked against the results, would illustrate by facts and figures just where the responsibility of bad government can be placed.

Were all the registered voters of both parties to cast a vote, which is a duty, an obligation of no small degree it would not take very long to break up machine politics everywhere in the country. It would not surprise me if a teenage sweep into politics in this country would resolve many evils that now beset the nation. However,

There is one danger. How do we prevent these young people from getting into the same political rut as we adults have been accustomed to over the past three decades, even longer?

The average voter today has little, if any, civic education in government. Millions have no knowledge of elementary civics. The day has arrived when our grade and high schools must revise the curriculum to include a complete course in civics and such a course should be a major, not a selective one. A first hand knowledge of the workings of a democracy such as ours should be so well established in the young mind that it will be an indelible print not to be forgotten.

Today's so call generation gap can be bridged both ways if the voter today will prove to the voter of tomorrow that the duty of every citizen, present and future, is to vote, and do so even if he or she has to use a crutch, wheel chair or be carried on a stretcher.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS
Bridgman

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

CORRECTS ERRORS IN OBITUARY

May I call your attention to several errors in the article about the Rev. Alfred Freeman Traverse as published Friday, January 8, 1971.

1. The Rev. Traverse was born in Shigawake, Gaspe, Quebec Prov. Canada.

2. He was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Joseph for over 18 years.

3. The Traverses came here from Allegan, Michigan in September 1930. Fr. Traverse sent in his resignation late in November 1968, to take effect January 1969. He has been Rector Emeritus of St. Paul's

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking
Of Your Health

My child is subject to severe spells of croup. It terrifies us when it happens. Can these attacks be prevented?

Mrs. B. R., Wyo.

Dear Mrs. R.: Croup is an inflammation and infection of the lining of the larynx, or windpipe.

With an infection of the nose and throat, this lining sometimes becomes swollen and interferes with the free passage of air into the lungs.

Almost always the condition occurs only in very young children, for it is at this stage that their windpipes are narrow, and the slightest obstruction interferes with their breathing.

The attacks of croup are terrifying to parents, but this anxiety must be controlled because it is easily transmitted to the child.

As the child grows older, the windpipe grows larger. The result is that attacks of croup become far less frequent and less severe, even if they do occur.

This distressing condition is usually caused by a virus or a streptococcus germ. Occasionally, allergy is responsible.

Until the doctor arrives, steam inhalations are soothing and very important as a first aid measure. Parents are advised to hold the young child in their arms in a bathroom filled with steam. This gives the child a sense of security — while the steam acts to reduce the swelling.

The use of antibiotics and cortisone has immeasurably reduced the complications of croup. Antihistamine drugs are effective if allergy is the cause of croup.

The prevention of croup is as difficult as the prevention of a cold. When one knows that a child tends to have croup, even the slightest infection should be treated early and diligently, in the hope that croup can be avoided.

The use of steam through a vaporizer is valuable early in the course of the common cold. In fact, it is wise during the winter months, to have a hot or cold vaporizer going (in a safe place) all the time in the child's room. It increases the moisture and is beneficial to the lining of the respiratory tract.

When concentrated steam is necessary, I recommend that you make a steam tent by opening an umbrella over the vaporizer and covering it with a sheet. Someone should sit under the tent with the child so that he will not be frightened.

It can well be said that steam generally is a very effective form of treatment for diseases of the sinuses or respiratory tract with or without croup.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: In these days of polluted water, how does one really know if clams, mussels or oysters are always safe to eat?

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of the column entitled, "Pay Attention to Your Heart." For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

Your right-hand opponent deals and bids Four Hearts, neither side vulnerable. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠AQJ85 ♥7 ♦J10843 ♣K4
2. ♠AK82 ♥QJ1084 ♣KQJ10
3. ♠K9 ♥QJ87 ♦AK872 ♣A83
4. ♠K9 ♥QJ87 ♦AKQJ854 ♣AK107

1. Pass. The chief object of a preemptive bid is to make it difficult for the opponents to enter the bidding safely.

For example, if you hold this hand against a four heart bid, it is not at all clear whether you should pass or bid four spades. If you are by nature a fearless competitor you will bid four spades and hope the roof does not cave in on you. But if you are by nature a cautious bidder you will pass and hope that partner has the appropriate values to enter the fray in one way or another. About 60 per cent of our top experts would pass four hearts, but a highly respectable 40 per cent of them would defiantly cross into the unknown by bidding four spades.

2. Double. There is a distinct possibility here that partner will elect to pass the double, but even though you may feel this is undesirable, there is no reasonable alternative to the double. The dilemma you face merely emphasizes how bothersome and embarrassing a welltimed preemptive bid can be. Of course, it may turn out that the best result you can achieve is to let the opponents play the hand at four hearts doubled.

3. Pass. This time you expect to beat four hearts, but you cannot afford the luxury of a double because all too often partner will yank the double and the wrong side will wind up playing the hand.

The point is that a double of four hearts is ambiguous and not clearly designed either for penalties or for takeout. It is what is realistically called an optional double. By passing you may fail to exact a full measure of punishment from East (if the next player and our partner also pass), but a far worse result could accrue if you doubled and partner took the double out.

4. Six diamonds. Here you should bid what you think you can make. Of course, you may go down a trick or two, but against that you must weigh the probability of making twelve (perhaps even all) the tricks. The best you can do in such sticky situations is make the bid you think will win in the long run, and in this context six diamonds must be regarded as the percentage bid.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1 — In Roman mythology, who was Nox?

2 — Are American moose smaller or larger than Alaskan moose?

3 — What is a herpetologist?

4 — What was Marie Antoinette's nationality?

5 — Did the House of York or the House of Lancaster win England's War of the Roses?

YOUR FUTURE

Make up your mind to keep your expenses in bounds and your year should be fair. Today's child will be patient.

IT'S BEEN SAID

He who talks much cannot always talk well. — Goldoni.

BORN TODAY

Discerning critics claim that Jean Baptiste Poquelin, whose pen name was Moliere, remains to this day without rival in the comic exposition of human character.

Sometimes called the father of modern French comedy, he relied on sound observation of the foibles and complexities of human nature. He had an incomparable skill in humorous presentation.

Actor and director, as well as author, he could boast of a complete command of his art; few playwrights can equal his understanding of dramatic construction and his sparkling verse or comic strength.

His virtuosity ranged from the most buffoonish farce, full of gaiety and absurdity, to the highest comedy. The subtlety of his observations rivals that of many tragedians.

His masterpieces are those plays in which he created characters that have become immortal. His peasants, noblemen, servants and bourgeois offer and astonishing wide view of 17th century French society. There is a moral there: the wise man is he who observes moderation and remains within the bounds that good sense imposes on nature.

Though many of the episodes of his plots are borrowed, he dealt mainly in types rather than in individuals. Despite his occasionally arbitrary denouncements and the faults of hasty writing at times, his work triumphs over its weakness.

Moliere was born in Paris, the son of an upholsterer, in 1622. He received his education under the Jesuits at the College de Clermont. He collapsed from a sudden and severe hemorrhage and died in 1673.

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1782 the Mint of the United States was proposed.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1 — Goddess of the night.
2 — Somewhat smaller.
3 — One who studies snakes.
4 — Austrian.
5 — The House of York.

Flying Group Will Form Rescue Unit

800 Pilots To Attend
Meeting Jan. 21

Some 800 pilots from Michigan and Indiana have been invited to attend a meeting Jan. 21 in Benton Harbor where an air search and rescue unit will be formed.



SPEC. 4 DAVID DECKERT

SJ Soldier Receives Bronze Star

Army Spec. 4, David H. Deckert, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman R. Deckert, 1937 Salisbury place, St. Joseph, recently received the Bronze Star medal at Long Binh post, Vietnam.

He was presented the Bronze Star for distinguishing himself through meritorious service in connection with military operations against hostile forces in Vietnam. The medal adopted in 1944, recognizes outstanding achievement.

Spec. 4, Deckert received the award while assigned as a clerk in the 379th Transportation Company in Vietnam.

He entered the Army in August 1969, completed basic training at Ft. Knox, Ky., and was last stationed in the U.S. at Ft. Polk, La.

A 1965 graduate of Coloma high school, Spec. 4 Deckert attended Lake Michigan college prior to being inducted into the U.S. Army. He will complete his tour of duty in Vietnam in March.

Invitations to the pilots were mailed by Archie Livengood, executive secretary of the Southwestern Michigan Aviation Safety Council.

The council, a local organization of pilots founded in 1969, and the Civil Air Patrol, an official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, plans to form a local search and rescue unit at their joint meeting Thursday, Jan. 21 at the U.S. Army Reserve Center on M-139 across from the Fairplain Plaza, beginning at 8 p.m.

A program on "Winter Flying Hazards, Weather Observing, and Search and Rescue Procedures" will also be presented. Livengood said the program was being held in the belief that the most significant improvement in air safety is made by putting more knowledgeable and proficient pilots in the cockpit. The group will work to encourage other pilots and to educate all members in a continued voluntary program of self-improvement.

Livengood added the group plans to hold regular monthly meetings later this year. In addition to guest speakers and movies, the monthly meetings will include class study and field work in actual search and rescue missions as their services are required.

Captain Raymond Hill, former commander of the Blossomland Civil Air Patrol, will head the new unit. Hill said the unit, when called upon, will provide (or participate) in an aerial search for downed aircraft in the state.

Guest speaker at Thursday's meeting will be Colonel Edward L. Polka, operations officer for the Civil Air Patrol, Michigan Wing headquarters, Detroit.

Applications will be accepted from those wishing to affiliate with the group.

Livengood extended the invitation to non-pilot members and interested friends. Livengood added, "non-pilot members can be utilized as observers on flying missions for rescue missions."

VISIT FLORIDA

COLOMA — Recent visitors at Florida's Silver Springs are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hucks and family of route 4, Box 68-A, Coloma.



PLAN AIR RESCUE UNIT: Civil Air Patrol and Aviation Safety Council members prepare literature for formation of a new air-search and rescue unit to be organized Thursday, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m. in the U.S. Army Reserve Center, on M-139. Pilots from Michigan and Indiana have been invited to the meeting. Members from left to right: Captain Ray-

mond L. Hill, former CAP commander; Guy Wilson, CAP member; Archie Livengood, executive secretary of the aviation council; Charles Nolton, CAP member and Lt. Julius Butler, commander of the Blossomland Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol. (Cliff Stevens photo)

Petitions, Donations Being Asked In Sodus

Want Out Of BH School System

By BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

The Concerned Parents and Taxpayers of Sodus began a petition and donation drive last night to transfer the northern and eastern two-thirds of Sodus township from the Benton Harbor school district to the Eau Claire school district.

The Sodus group transfer plan follows by several weeks a west Fairplain area plan to transfer out of the Benton Harbor school district and into the St. Joseph district. The State Board of Education last year transferred the Eaman school district in Hagar township from Benton Harbor to the Coloma school district.

"We want a better education for our children and a more equitable return for our taxes,"

Mrs. Victor Fellner, chairman of the Sodus group, said during an hour-long meeting in Sodus township hall, jammed with 200-250 persons.

PETITIONS COMING
Mrs. Fellner said that transfer petitions would be ready in about two weeks and that they

Union Park Open For Ice Skating

The ice skating rink in Union Park opened yesterday following a temporary closing Wednesday night when Benton Harbor police were called to stop a fight.

"The Benton Harbor police did not recommend a permanent closing of the rink and the whole issue of fights has been blown out of proportion," Andrew A. Antonovich, Benton Harbor director of public service and deputy city manager, said today.

"I talked to Capt. Mills and he said that only the patrolman who broke up the fight Wednesday had recommended closing of the rink but the Benton Harbor police department is not recommending such a move," Antonovich said.

"There were some pushing and shoving matches Tuesday and Wednesday nights and two fights but any rink filled with kids will have this problem," Antonovich said.

Wounded Man Is Admitted To Hospital

Leroy Roland, 23, of 1850 Highland avenue, was admitted to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital early today with a stab wound in the left shoulder. His condition this morning was listed as fair. Benton township police said they have been unable yet to question Roland on how he got the stab wound.

Woman Files Suit In Loan Default

A Benton Harbor woman, Mary Kolesar, filed suit this week in Berrien circuit court claiming \$15,000 against Diana Beatty of Coloma for allegedly defaulting on \$15,000 in loans made in 1968.

would be brought to individual homes by group captains. "We need two-thirds of the resident property owners in Sodus township to sign the petition so we can present our case to the Intermediate School board," she said.

"Our group needs financial backing for its action plan," Mrs. Fellner said. "A \$10 donation would be acceptable but a \$30 donation would be more realistic," she added.

A group panel followed Mrs. Fellner with an explanation of the reasons behind the proposed transfer, a description of the Eau Claire school district, and an estimate of the cost of applying for transfer.

The panel listed as reasons for transfer: deteriorating quality of instruction in the Benton Harbor school district; loss of property values in Sodus township; lack of safety for children attending Benton Harbor high school; and a tripling of taxes since 16 school districts consolidated into the present Benton Harbor district in 1965.

Dick Leitz, panel member and chairman of the petition drive, said that any part of Sodus township not favoring the transfer could remain in the Benton Harbor school district. "We would draw up new boundaries and cut off any part of the township not giving us signatures of two-thirds of the property owners," he said.

COST OF FIGHT

George Schinske, panel member and group vice-chairman, estimated cost of the transfer plan would be between \$5,000 and \$20,000 in legal fees, without counting printing, traveling, or telephone expenses. "This figure would include appealing to the State Board of Education but our case is so strong we shouldn't have to do that," he explained.

Another panel member, Mrs. Walter Ertman, group parliamentarian, told the crowd: "We are tired of standing in the storm and waiting for the rain. Dr. Porter (president of the State Board of Education) has already said that the Benton Harbor school district is the worst in the state next to Port Huron. We can't guarantee that taxes will be lower under the transfer but our property will be worth more money. We all know that Fairplain and Sodus township property owners in the Benton Harbor school district can't sell their property."

The meeting concluded with questions from the crowd. In answer, Mrs. Fellner said: "If the transfer is approved, Eau Claire would buy from Benton Harbor school district the five Sodus township schools. Purchase might not even be necessary if current laws are changed. We are not criticizing the

Benton Harbor school curriculum. We merely feel that Eau Claire and Sodus township are alike rural communities. We have full confidence we are doing the right thing and have hired as legal counsel the firm of Hartwig and Crow and Jones as our spokesman."

Boys Lead Police To 'Stolen' Gun

Benton Harbor police yesterday recovered a .38 caliber pistol allegedly used in threatening a 75-year-old widow Wednesday.

Police said the pistol was stolen in a burglary reported by Frank Forestieri, 254 Second street, Tuesday.

Police detectives said two 16-year-old runaways from St. Louis, Mo., who were arrested Wednesday, showed where the .38 caliber had been hidden in a garage at 657 Superior street.

One of the juveniles reported he won the pistol in a dice game, Police said. The handgun was flashed when the two threatened Mrs. Gertrude Brown of 424 East Britain avenue. She slammed the door shut on the two and they fled.

Plant Guard Fired For Being Thief

St. Joseph police detectives said a Pinkerton guard at the Heath Co. has been relieved of his job because of a charge brought against him of stealing a police monitor radio from the Heath Co.

Richard Frank Pate, 21, of 1321 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, who was hired last Sept. 22, pleaded guilty to larceny charge in Fifth district court Wednesday and was sentenced to pay a fine and cost of \$124 or serve 30 days in jail.

Detectives said Heath reported Pate was unable to produce a receipt for a monitor he wanted repaired.

HOSPITAL PATIENT

KEELER — Fred Norby 94, of Keeler fell last week and broke his hip. He is reported in satisfactory condition at Memorial hospital in St. Joseph.

Architect Offers Suggestions To Beautify SJ

Prefers Wider Walks
To Downtown Mall

By DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

Architect William L. Awodey told St. Joseph Lions yesterday he would prefer wider State street sidewalks to a downtown mall and trees to block out second-story eye blight.

Awodey is a member of the scenic pollution committee of the United For Survival, a group working to combat environmental pollution.

The young architect showed slides of scenic blight, mostly utility poles and wires, gaudy signs, buildings and unplanned treatment of highway right of way.

The survey ranged from enormous commercial signs — he noted signs keep getting bigger and bigger — to careless disposal of paper and bottles.

Most of the pictures were taken by Mrs. Joseph Hartwig, chairman of the scenic pollution committee, and Awodey was in the uncomfortable position of flashing examples of what environmentalists consider poor scenic planning of businesses operated by members of the club watching the presentation.

In commenting on State street business district, Awodey said, "I'm inclined to think that when a downtown area adopts a uniform theme to be superficially applied to the building fronts, it tends to take on the appearance of a Hollywood set. That sort of planning leads to planned obsolescence on a massive scale."

STREET IS GEM

"As shopping areas go, our State street is a gem and must be preserved as prudently as possible. Many have advocated that State street be a mall and the logic is good, provided the 66 displaced parking spaces were absorbed into well located parking decks which we SHOULD be planning for anyway."

"But," continued Awodey, "intuitively as a St. Joseph native and intellectually as an architect, I think the solution would 'mell' State street to death."

"Every effort should be made to draw attention not on the building fronts above the stores, but on the window displays and the stores themselves at street level. This could be accomplished as a joint effort between the city and the merchants by doubling the sidewalk widths and narrowing the street paving to what it is in the residential areas."

"Introduce sheltering trees, playful street lighting, sidewalk benches," Awodey suggested. "This would create pleasant, friendly sidewalk areas, sheltered by trees covering a 'let's take a walk feeling,' drawing attention away from the building above the trees and focusing entirely on the window displays."

Awodey opened his office in St. Joseph in September. He has degrees from Michigan State and the University of Michigan. He was introduced by Harding Dey.



WILLIAM L. AWODEY
State Street Plans

Fire Losses Are Tripled In Benton

Major Industrial
Blaze Reported

Fire loss in Benton township for 1970 was almost three times what it was in 1969, according to a report released by Fire Chief Ken Kraiger.

Kraiger said the loss of contents and buildings for the past year amount to \$429,798, as compared to \$142,467 in 1969.

One big factor in the heavier loss was a major industrial fire in 1970. Extensive loss occurred with the Blossomland Container Corp. plant burned on Empire avenue last June. The township had no big industrial fires in 1969.

The township fire department responded to approximately 45 fewer fires in the township during the past year, but had more fire runs in 1970 than in 1969 because of assists to other departments.

Kraiger said the fire department responded to 327 calls in 1970, compared to 372 the year before. The township, however, responded to 58 assists to other stations during 1970.

Kraiger also noticed a decrease in automobile fires, from 76 in 1969 to 48 in 1970, and a smaller decrease in dwelling fires, from 111 to 105. Grass and woods fires decreased from 89 to 73.

The number of fires caused by careless burning of rubbish was reduced from 45 to 26, whereas general carelessness increased from 25 to 37. There were also fewer fires caused by defective electrical appliances. Kraiger also noted two deaths by fire in 1970, and none in 1969.

SJ Township Citizens Form 'Watchdog' Unit

Administration Under Fire

Formation this week of a St. Joseph Township Better Government committee was announced by Richard Drickey, 2872 Marilyn drive, who was elected chairman of the new self-styled watchdog committee.

Seventeen St. Joseph township property owners have accepted membership on this committee which met for the first time this week, and others are expected to join, according to Drickey.

Explaining that one of the avowed purposes of the committee

Royalton GOP Will Elect Officers Monday

The Royalton township Republican club will hold election of officers for 1971 Monday at 8 p.m. in the township hall.

Mrs. Judith Litke, club publicity chairman, said the agenda includes a "space program" by a Whirlpool Corp. representative presenting a film and distributing samples of the firm's food for astronauts. The public is welcome.

tee will be to focus attention on many township problems of concern to township residents, Drickey stated.

BOARD CRITICIZED
"Because there has been no organized opposition to the present board of trustees either in the administration of township affairs or at the ballot box, the present board has become unresponsive and indifferent to the expressions of township property owners," Drickey declared.

Drickey has been one of a group of township residents who have been critical of recent rezoning proposals in residential areas. Several meetings of the township board and planning commission have been attended by large groups of township residents during the past 18 months and protests have been voiced over proposed rezoning.

"We intend to continue to attend all board and planning commission meetings and we intend to make our voices heard," Drickey explained he urged an all-out attendance by township property owners at next Monday's regular township board meeting at the townhall on Napier avenue.

"SELFISH WILL"
Drickey claimed that the

township board had been trying to "impose the selfish will of a small minority of property owners in the face of overwhelming opposition from a majority of property owners in the rezoning matter."

"We no longer intend to remain a silent majority in township affairs. We intend to offer criticism where we feel it is valid and we intend to offer constructive suggestions for the good of the whole township."

Others appointed to the committee were Carroll W. Gerbel, vice chairman; Mrs. Jack Hart and Mrs. H. A. Robandi, secretaries; Attorney Roger Bittner; Matthew Borre; Robert F. Donohue; Neil N. Eisenberg; Andrew L. Novikov; H. A. Robandi; Edgar F. Ross; A. Ross Sablin; Truman F. Schrag; Edwin C. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wagner, and Frank Yureus.

Makes Dean's List

SAWYER — Paul Wennerberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wennerberg, box 158 Sawyer, has compiled a 3.7 grade point average to make the dean's list at Michigan State university. He is a junior majoring in pre-med.

Harold S. Burleson, township clerk, said the total registration roll now stands at 750 voters.